

COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy, FIRST Robotics Competition, Western & Central PA

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FIRST closely monitors news and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, local health agencies, as well as state and federal laws and regulations, as we continue to plan the *FIRST* Western and Central PA events including Greater Pittsburgh Regional. The following precautionary measures are currently in place for the event. These measures may be updated as new information becomes available.

Attendees refer to all participants, volunteers, staff, spectators, and guests.

- **Code of Conduct:** All attendees are expected to follow the [FIRST Code of Conduct](#), including demonstrating Gracious Professionalism at all times.
- **Self-Evaluation:** All attendees are encouraged to perform a brief daily health self-evaluation to check for common symptoms of illness before entering the event. Attendees should not attend the event if they have symptoms of illness or have recently been in close contact with someone with symptoms of illness.
- **Face coverings:** Face coverings are **optional** for all attendees in all indoor event areas. Attendees are asked to bring a sufficient supply of [suitable face coverings](#) for the duration of the event if desired. A Face shield is not a suitable face covering.
- **Vaccination:** Vaccination greatly reduces the risks associated with COVID-19. We strongly recommend everyone who is eligible and has access to a vaccine consult with their physician and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with booster shots if applicable, prior to attending the event.
- **Social Distancing:** When possible, attendees are encouraged to practice social distancing and to remain in cohorts to limit interactions with those outside of their group. Attendees are expected to practice good hand hygiene. Please be mindful of high traffic areas such as the concession stands, seating areas, and the pit area. Be mindful to limit the number of attendees in the pit area to pit volunteers, those who are directly related to working on the robot, and their mentors. All other attendees are invited to enter the pits in short visits.
- **Safety Glasses:** *FIRST* volunteers will not distribute safety glasses to teams this year. Please bring an adequate supply of safety glasses for your team and attendees on your roster. Those without safety glasses are asked to enjoy the event in any areas where safety glasses are not required.